Original Petition of Henry Denton, John Boomer & Thomas Hebb Journal. abt allowance for publick services done, the which being Read, it was Ordered That a Conference be had wth the house to know how publick Accots shall be proved & to take care that all due Arreares be paid.

Ordered that Edward Randolph Esqr be Joyned to the

Comittee of Laws & Accts in stateing the Revenue &ca

The following Bills Read, Vizt

An Act for the Laying an Imposition on Severall Comodities

exported out of this Province.

They are of Opinion that the Imposition put upon the furrs is too great & therefore propose that halfe the said Duty be put upon the Inhabitants and double upon the fforreigners Excepting merchants from England & their factors here Resideing or Comeing hither.

A Clause to be Added to the said Law to Empower any Navall Officer or his Deputy to goe on board any Ship or Vessell and Breake open any Lock pack or Truss & to search for all concealed Goods & or to search any house by

the same power.

A Supplementary Act to the Act concerning Water Mills; it is proposed that a Sixth part be allowed for grinding Wheat as formerly otherwise it is thought there will be noe wheat ground. The said Bills & Remarkes thereon delivered by Order to the Clerke of the house of Burgesses by the Clerk of this Board.

P. 49 The House of Burgesses Message of the 9th of October Relateing to the Stile of the Laws, was produced at the Board & taken into Consideracon. Ordered that Answer to the same be Drawn up, which was done as follows Vizt

By his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r &^{ca} October the 11th 1694.

The Message of your house of the Nineth past by Capt Dent Majr Dorsey, Mr Hutchinson & Mr Hinson was this day Read in Covncill, for which his Exney Returnes you his thankes for the good Opinion the house does conceive of him, and is willing at present for their Majties Service & to the End the Countreys business may not be delayed that the Laws now to be passed, may Rune in the same style as the Laws which were made in Govern Copleys time.

Signed p Ord^r Hen Denton Clk Councill.

Adjourne till to Morrow Morning.